

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed December 11, 2007. This Response is timely.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in claims 12 and 15 of the original PCT application of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage.

Claims 1, 19-31 and 33-34 remain pending in this application with Claim 1 being the only independent claim.

1. The rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) relying upon United States Patent No. 5,867, 129, (Sauer) is respectfully traversed. The Sauer document discloses data transmission windows in the form of a slit (column 1, lines 48-51). Claim 1, as currently presented, refers to, *inter alia*, "wherein said window is a zone wherein the coating layer is absent from a pattern of dots, each dot having a diameter between 5 and 7 mm".

Since the Sauer document does not disclose a window as set forth in the quoted language, nor the equivalent thereof, nor an obvious variation thereof, it is submitted that Claim 1 is patentable relative to the Sauer document.

2. The rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) relying upon International Patent Application Publication WO 01/68935 (WO '935) is respectfully traversed. The WO '935 document discloses transmission windows of different geometries (page 5, lines 5-13) with exemplary size ranges of 30 x 40 mm to 80 x 150 mm (page 3, lines 11-15).

Since the WO '935 document does not disclose a window as set forth in the quoted language, nor the equivalent thereof, nor an obvious variation thereof, it is submitted that Claim 1 is patentable relative to the WO '935 document.

There is no basis in either the Sauer document or the WO '935 document to suggest either dots *per se* or dots having a diameter of between 5 and 7 mm.

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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that further clarification or amendment would put this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged and requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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